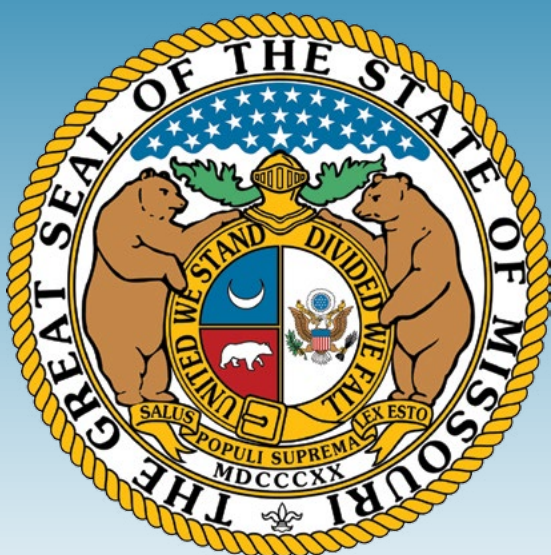


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**FAQs for  
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**Q: Are state agencies or political subdivisions of Missouri exempt from the requirements to use licensed architects, professional engineers or professional land surveyors for their construction work?**

**A:** No. In fact, Section 327.421 of the Missouri Revised Statutes states that they shall not perform construction work without the use of currently licensed architects, professional engineers or professional land surveyors. The statute reads as follows:

327.421. This state and its political subdivisions including counties, cities and towns, or legally constituted boards, agencies, districts, commissions and authorities of this state shall not engage in the construction of public works involving the practice of architecture, engineering or land surveying, unless the architectural and engineering drawings, specifications and estimates and the plats and surveys have been prepared by an architect, professional engineer or professional land surveyor whose license is current and in good standing, as the case may require.

**Q: Who are the legally constituted boards, agencies, districts, commissions and authorities of Missouri that are included in this statute?**

**A:** ALL political subdivisions are subject to this provision, including, but not limited to, school districts, public colleges and universities, fire protection districts, public libraries, drainage districts, public water supply districts, levee districts, and all cities and counties, regardless of size or classification.

**Q: Does this statute apply to interior renovations?**

**A:** Yes, if the changes involve the health and life safety features of the building. Examples would include alterations to room configurations, the building structure, mechanical and electrical systems. Only renovations that are purely maintenance or cosmetic updates to interior finishes such as painting or new flooring would be exempt from the requirement to use licensed design professionals.